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06                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
07                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
08                   AT SEATTLE

09         UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,                   )                   CASE NO. MJ18-306  
10    )                   ( SDFL No. CR18-60158 )  
11         Plaintiff,                                      )  
12         v.    )  
13         PETER VINCENT CRUZ,                        )  
14         Defendant.                                      )  
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16         Offense charged:   Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering; Money Laundering

17         Date of Detention Hearing:   July 2, 2018.

18         The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and  
19         based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds  
20         that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure  
21         the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

22         FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

23         1.         Defendant was charged in the Southern District of Florida with Conspiracy to  
24         Commit Money Laundering and Money Laundering. The AUSA describes the charges as

01 alleging that defendant is a member of a complex transnational cybercrime conspiracy utilizing  
02 various sophisticated techniques including the use of crypto-currency. As an alleged co-  
03 conspirator, defendant is alleged to have been in direct contact with at least one victim of the  
04 scheme, allegedly involving numerous examples of involvement in dark web traffic. The AUSA  
05 argues that, as a result, defendant may possess vast sums of crypto-currency that could aid  
06 defendant's flight from prosecution.

07       2.     Defendant's request release address would be to live with his father in Alaska.  
08 The Court notes that defendant's criminal record does contain failures to appear in  
09 misdemeanor proceedings including Driving While License Suspended with resultant bench  
10 warrant activity, and one failure to appear to serve a sentence imposed for violation of  
11 probation.

12       3.     Defendant poses a risk of nonappearance based on the nature and circumstances  
13 of the alleged offense, as well as criminal record and lack of ties to the charging District.  
14 Defendant poses a risk of financial danger based on the nature and circumstances of the offense.

15       4.     There does not appear to be any condition or combination of conditions that will  
16 reasonably assure the defendant's appearance at future Court hearings while addressing the  
17 danger to other persons or the community. The Court notes, however, that defendant may wish  
18 to renew his request for release on conditions at the time of his appearance in the charging  
19 District.

20 It is therefore ORDERED:

21 1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial, and committed to the custody of the Attorney  
22 General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from

01      persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

02    2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel;

03    3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person

04      in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the

05      defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a

06      court proceeding; and

07    4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel for

08      the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Probation Services

09      Officer.

10      DATED this 2nd day of July, 2018.

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13      Mary Alice Theiler  
United States Magistrate Judge